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REMARKSClaim Objections

The numbering of claims was objected to as not being in accordance with 37 CFR 1.126. The Applicants acknowledge that misnumbered claims 43-45 have been renumbered 43-46 by the Examiner. The objection by the Examiner is now moot.

Restriction Requirement

In response to the Office Action dated November 8, 2004 which imposed a restriction requirement in the above-captioned patent application, the Applicants elect Group II (Figures 5 and 6; claims 1, 9-13, 15-17, 24, 27 and 31) for prosecution with traverse.

To the extent this restriction requirement is maintained by the Examiner, the Applicants reserve the right to subsequently file one or more divisional applications in order to prosecute the inventions recited in any one or more of the non-elected groups of claims.

Conclusion

If the Examiner believes that there are any unresolved issues, it is requested that the Examiner telephone Mr. Kin-Wah Tong, Esq. at (732) 530-9404 so that appropriate arrangements can be made for resolving such issues as expeditiously as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

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